

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery comprising:
an electrode substrate; and
an active material layer formed on the electrode substrate ~~the active material layer~~
containing an active material and a binder as a main component,
wherein said ~~active material layer~~ binder contains ~~thermosetting~~ thermoplastic
xylene-formaldehyde resin.

92 2. (Currently Amended) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to
claim 1, wherein said ~~thermosetting~~ thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin is
alkylphenyl-modified xylene-formaldehyde resin.

3. (Original) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to claim 1,
wherein said active material has a particle diameter within a range of 20 – 100 μm .

4. (Currently Amended) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to
claim 1, wherein said active material is a hydrogen ~~storage~~ absorbing metal alloy capable
of reversibly making electro-chemical absorption or desorption of hydrogen.

5. (Original) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to claim 1,
wherein a layer of said thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin covers the outside of
said active material layer.

6. (Original) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to claim 1,
wherein said thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin is contained in a boundary
between said active material layer and said electrode substrate.

92 7. (Original) An electrode for an alkaline storage battery according to claim 1,
wherein said thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin is contained in said active material
layer.

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